



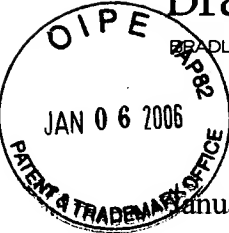
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**Filing Date:** June 8, 2000  
**Inventor:** Holmes, M.  
**Title:** Restraining Gasket for Mechanical Joints of Pipes  
**Responsive No.:** Office Action of October 6, 2005  
**Examiner:** Nguyen, Xuan Lan T  
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Dear Commissioner:

Please find enclosed a Response to Office Action in Patent Application relating to the Restraining Gasket for Mechanical Joints of Pipes, Application Serial No. 09/590,586. Applicant respectfully requests entry of this response into the record.

Yours very truly,

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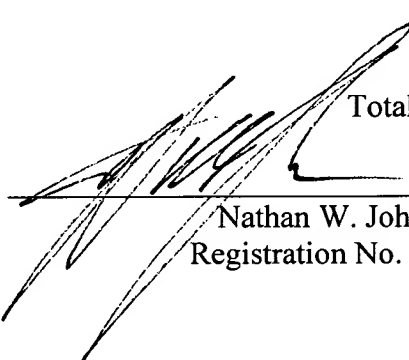
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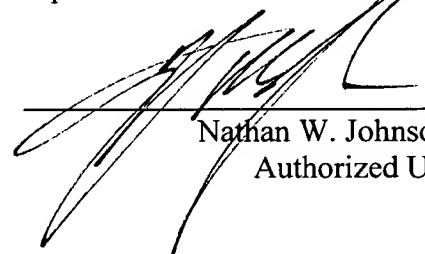
  
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